

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: **Will L. Culpepper *et al.*** )  
 ) Art Unit: **3651**  
Application No. **09/839,616** )  
 ) Examiner: **Joseph Valenza**  
Filed: **April 20, 2001** )  
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For: **Article Transport, Meterer and Loader** )

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 19, 2002, please amend the above-identified application and consider the following comments:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.